

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 5        1. A method for holding freshly picked olives to maintain the green color of the olives, prevent discoloration of the olives from bruising and scarring, and add Vitamin C to the olives, the method comprising:

        A first step of adding a quantity of Ascorbic Acid to freshly picked olives in a container;

- 10        A second step comprising adding a solution of water and Acetic Acid at a pH of at most 3.2 to a top of the container.

        2. The method of claim 1 preferably wherein the solution of water and Acetic Acid has a pH of 2. 8.

- 15        3. The method of claim 1 wherein the quantity of Ascorbic Acid is two tablespoons of Ascorbic Acid per gallon of olives.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of using Ascorbic Acid  
20        in soaking olive leaves or parts of the olive tree that makes up olive leaf extract.